

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 9 and 10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 3 are amended for improved clarity. No new matter is added.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration; (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; and (d) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 9 and 10.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Office Action asserts that claims 1 and 3 recited both a holographic recording material and a recording layer, while Fig. 1 only showed a single layer.

Claims 1 and 3 have been amended for improved clarity to obviate this rejection. Specifically, claims 1 and 3, as amended, recite "a single recording layer comprising a holographic recording material sandwiched from both sides by two substrates." Thus, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-6 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Petition for Extension of Time

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